

124. (Amended) A method [for using a host device, said method] comprising:

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- [(a) executing firmware from read only memory;]
 - (b) booting an operating system from a storage media, said step of booting comprising checking for an initialization file;
 - (c) enabling an interrupt for periodically checking a peripheral of said host device;
 - [(d) waiting for said interrupt;]
 - (e) automatically checking for a file in a removable storage media located in said peripheral on occurrence of said interrupt, said removable storage media being encoded with electronic content including said file, wherein said file has a predetermined name;
 - (f) automatically disabling said interrupt; and
 - (g) automatically using at least a portion of said electronic content from said removable storage media in response to finding said file during said checking step.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the drawings and the Specification clarify ambiguities indicated by the Examiner in a telephone conference on July 23, 1996.

Independent Claims 63, 111, 120 and 124 are amended to make the preambles consistent with each other because these claims are drawn to the same invention. Here, as the preambles do not limit the claims (see MPEP § 2111.02), preamble language found confusing by the Examiner is eliminated from Claims 63, 111, 120 and 124.

Moreover, Claims 63, 71, 72, 73, 120 and 124 are amended to eliminate claim language regarding "predetermined name" also found confusing by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that such claim language eliminated by the above amendments is unnecessarily limiting in view of the prior art

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Moreover, Claims 63, 71, 72, 73, 120 and 124 are amended to eliminate claim language regarding "predetermined name" also found confusing by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that such claim language eliminated by the above amendments is unnecessarily limiting in view of the prior art references by Willman et al. (U.S. Patent 5,363,487) and Ogawa et al. (U.S. Patent 4,716,543).

Moreover, as noted in a "DECLARATION OF FACTS" filed in the above-identified application on July 25, 1996, none of SyQuest's products discloses or suggests any of the various "automatic" steps recited in Claims 63, 111, 120 and 124 (see ¶15). Also, as noted in the declaration, Richter et al. (U.S. Patent 5,440,244) fail to disclose or suggest any of the "automatic" steps recited in Claims 63, 111, 120 and 124 (see ¶20).

For all of the above-discussed reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 63-73 and 101-127 are in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding any aspect of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (408) 453-9200 x1227.

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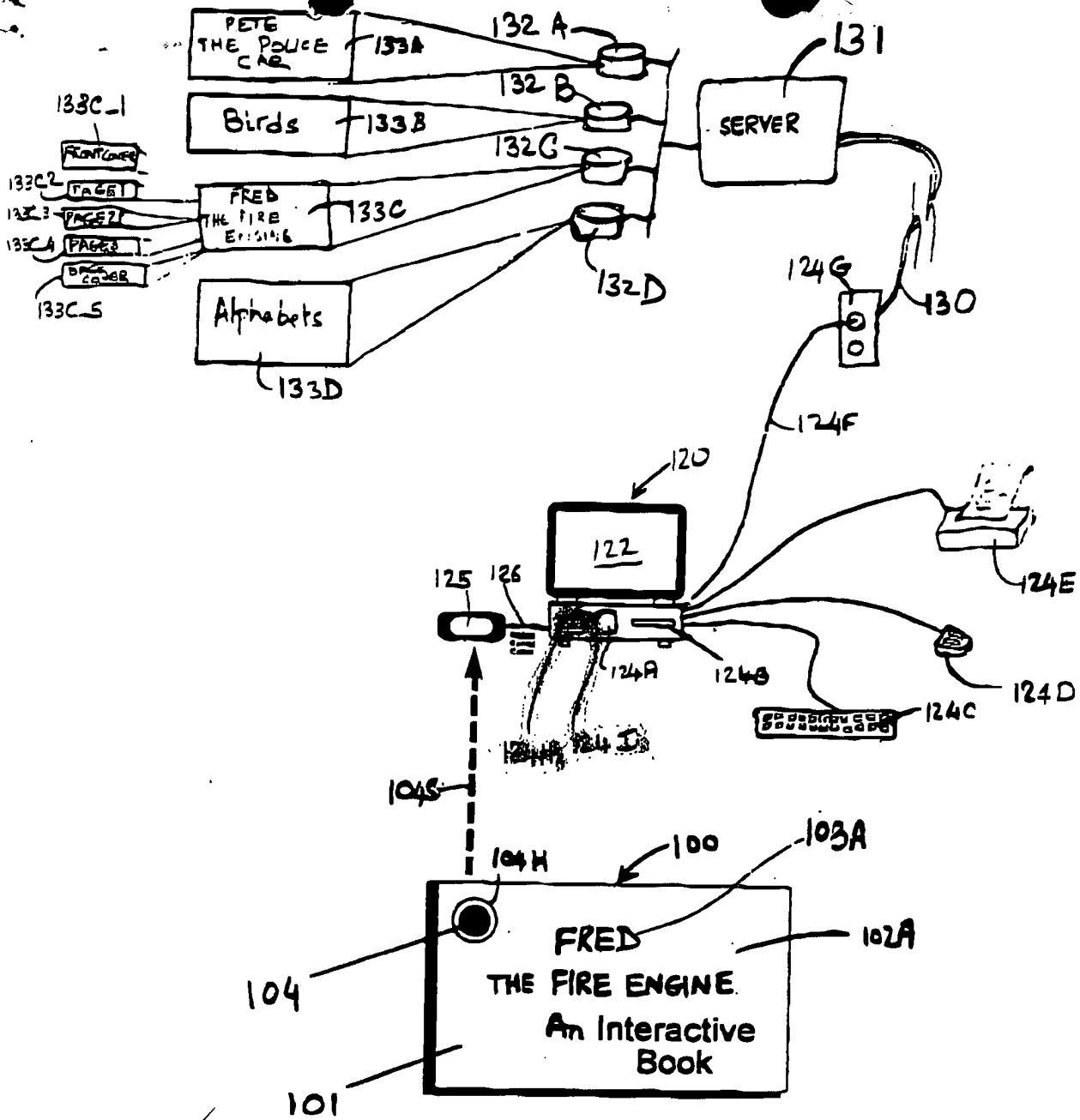


FIG. 1E

